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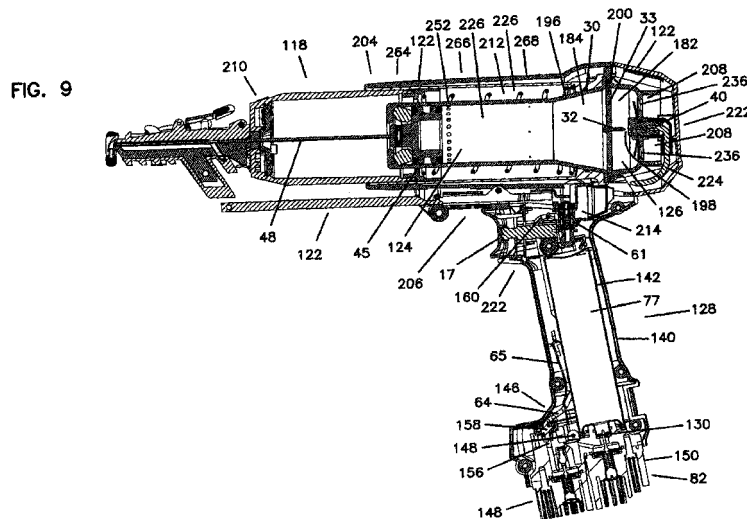
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(54) **Internal combustion fastener driving tool aluminium cylinder**

(57) The present invention relates to an aluminium cylinder for an internal combustion fastener driving tool.



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1. Claims: 1-9,18

a porton in the shape of a truncated cone

2. Claims: 10-17

an intake system